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What is claimed is:

1. A gaming device video display system for displaying multi-screen presentations, the system comprising:

- 5 (A) a plurality of gaming devices, each gaming device being adapted to allow a player to play a wagering game, each gaming device being further adapted to select a multi-screen presentation and transmit a request for a multi-screen presentation;
- 10 (B) a plurality of video displays, each video display being adapted to display a video presentation, the video displays being positioned in close relative proximity to allow a video presentation to be displayed using the plurality of video displays, a portion of the video presentation being displayed on each of the video displays, wherein the video presentation appears to be an integrated, multi-screen presentation; and
- 15 (C) a plurality of video display controllers, each video display controller being in communication with a gaming device, a video display, and other video display controllers, each video display being adapted to receive requests for multi-screen presentations from the gaming device with which it is in communication, the plurality of video display controllers being adapted to coordinate multi-screen presentations among the video display controllers, each video display controller being adapted to operate the video display with which it is in communication to
- 20 present a portion of a multi-screen presentation.

2. The gaming device video display system of claim 1, wherein one of the plurality of video

display controllers is a master video display controller, the master video display controller being adapted to receive requests for multi-screen video presentations, determine the availability of video displays, and grant multi-screen privileges.

3. The gaming device video display system of claim 1 wherein each gaming device comprises a game device controller, the game device controller being adapted to monitor the gaming device and transmit a request to a video display controller for a multi-screen presentation.
4. The gaming device video display system of claim 3 wherein the game device controller is adapted to select a multi-screen video presentation from a plurality of different presentations.
5. The gaming device video display system of claim 3 wherein the game device controller is adapted to select a bonus award and a multi-screen video presentation based on the output of a random number generator.
6. The gaming device video display system of claim 1 wherein each video display controller comprises memory, the memory being adapted to store video presentation data.
7. The gaming device video display system of claim 6 wherein each video display controller is adapted to store video presentation data for one segment of a multi-screen presentation.

8. The gaming device video display system of claim 1 wherein at least one of the gaming devices comprises a game display, the game display being adapted to display information, wherein the gaming device is adapted to display a presentation using both its video display and its game display.

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A method of displaying a video presentation for use with wagering devices, the method comprising:

- (A) providing at least one wagering device, the wagering device being adapted to operate a wagering game;
- (B) providing a plurality of video displays, the video displays being adapted to display a video presentation;
- (C) providing a video presentation;
- (D) dividing the video presentation into a plurality of screen segments;
- (E) displaying a different screen segment of the video presentation on each video display, wherein the segments of the video presentation, when viewed as a whole, appear as an integrated video presentation.

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The method of claim 9 wherein step (D) is performed after a predetermined event has occurred.

11. The method of claim 10 wherein the predetermined event is a bonus event.

12. The method of claim 9 further comprising the step of providing a video display controller, the video display controller being adapted to drive at least one video display.

13. The method of claim 9 further comprising the step of storing video presentation data on the video display controller.

14. The method of claim 9 further comprising the step of synchronizing the display of screen segments.

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15. A gaming device, comprising:

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- (A) at least one video display, the video display being adapted to display a video presentation;
- (B) a video display controller in communication with the video display, the video display controller being adapted to drive the video display and being adapted to communicate with other video display controllers;
- (C) a game controller, the game controller being adapted to operate a wagering game;
- (D) a game device controller in communication with the video display controller and the game controller; the gaming device controller being adapted to initiate a multi-screen presentation.

16. The gaming device of claim 15 wherein the game device controller is further adapted to select a video presentation.

17. The gaming device of claim 15 wherein the game device controller initiates a multi-screen presentation upon detecting a bonus event.

18. The gaming device of claim 15 further comprising a game display, the game display being adapted to display information relevant to a wagering game.

19. The gaming device of claim 18 wherein the game display is further adapted to play a portion of a multi-screen presentation.

20. A method of presenting a bonus display for a wagering game on at least two video displays, the method comprising:
- (A) detecting the occurrence of a bonus event;
 - (B) selecting a bonus presentation from among a plurality of bonus presentations, the bonus presentation comprising a plurality of segments, each segment being adapted to be displayed on a separate video display;
 - (C) displaying each segment of the presentation on a separate video display in synchronization, wherein the segments presented on the video displays appear to be an integrated presentation when viewed as a whole.
21. \ The method of claim 20 wherein the video presentation comprises a horse race, wherein horses in the horse race appear to race across the video screens.
22. \ The method of claim 20 wherein the video presentation comprises a game board.
23. \ The method of claim 20 wherein the video presentation comprises a fisherman.
24. The method of claim 20 further comprising the step of coordinating among the plurality of video displays.

5 25. A system for displaying multi-screen presentations in association with a wagering game, the system comprising:

- (A) means for operating a wagering game;
- (B) means for coordinating a display of a multi-screen video presentation;
- (C) video display means for displaying a video presentation;
- (D) means for displaying the multi-screen video presentation on the video displays,
wherein the multi-screen video presentation appears to be a single integrated presentation.

10 26. The system of claim 25 wherein the means for operating a wagering game comprises a game controller.

15 27. The system of claim 25 further comprising means for selecting a multi-screen presentation from among a plurality of multi-screen presentations.

20 28. The system of claim 27 wherein the means for selecting multi-screen presentation comprises a game device controller.

29. The system of claim 25 wherein the means for coordinating a display of a multi-screen presentation comprises a video device controller.

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